

BOY CAPTURES ONE OF ROBBER CREW; PALS SURROUNDED

Youth of Fifteen Takes Desperate Outlaw After Gang Loots Two Stroud, Okla., Banks of \$50,000. Bandits Cut Off from Escape by Posses in Pasture Two Miles from Town.

PRISONER NOTED 'LONG RIDER'

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 27.—Two banks at Stroud, Okla., were robbed early today of \$50,000, and one of the robbers, said to be Henry Starr, for whose capture the state has offered \$1,000 reward, was shot and captured.

Eleven men were in the band which this afternoon was surrounded by a posse of 300 in a gully two miles east of Stroud.

The men rode into Stroud at 10 o'clock, tied their horses at the stock yards and proceeded to loot the banks. As the news spread, citizens were soon running into the streets, armed with such weapons as they could gather quickly. Many shots were fired.

Points Gun at Robber. As one of the robbers was mounting his horse, Paul Curry, 15 years old, pointed his rifle at the robber nearest him. "Drop your gun or I'll shoot," Curry yelled.

As the man, now believed to be Starr, dropped the revolver the boy fired. The bullet struck the man in the leg and he was unable to mount. The boy turned his captive over to the authorities.

The other robbers rode out of town under a shower of bullets. Less than thirty minutes later they were surrounded in a pasture two miles east of Stroud.

The men captured had diamonds known to have been in Starr's possession. He also was identified by pictures sent out and a description circulated by officers several weeks ago.

One of the robbers, who gave the name of Bill Estes, fell from his horse a mile out of Stroud and was captured. He had been shot.

Hidden in Grove. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the robbers were still surrounded in the pasture and shots are being fired at them. They were hidden in a grove, evidently waiting for nightfall.

Jerry Turner, a farmer, was said to have been fatally wounded in the First National bank when he refused to comply with the robbers' orders to throw up his hands.

Henry Starr, a half-breed Chickasaw, for years has been one of the most notorious outlaws in the middle west. In the main his activities have centered in the old Indian Territory and in Oklahoma, his home being in the Osage hills near Tulsa.

A recent act of the Oklahoma legislature offered a reward of \$1,000 for Starr's capture, dead or alive. At present he is a fugitive from justice, charged with violating his parole in Colorado.

Denison Debaters Win Two Contests

DENISON, Ia., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—In the high school debate held last night between Denison and Missouri Valley teams the home team won two to one on the question "Advisability of Literary Immigration Test." Judges were Superintendent Housh of Carroll, Superintendent Cunningham of Glidden, Prof. MacMurray of the University of Kansas, Missouri Valley debaters were Fred Evans, Harold McQuinn, Glenn Williams, Denison team, Harry Griers, Fred Gary, Carl Kuehne. The affirmative Denison team at Woodbine won two to one.

Government Rests in Roberts Cases

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—The government rested its case in the Terry Haute election fraud trial shortly after 10 o'clock today. The defense was ready with a number of witnesses to begin its side of the case.

GERMANS DROP BOMBS ON CALAIS AND DUNKIRK

PARIS, March 27.—(Via London.)—Both Calais and Dunkirk were visited by German monoplane this morning, but neither town was damaged. Six bombs were thrown on Dunkirk and one on Calais.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity: Fair, slightly warmer.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. (Forecast for Sunday)

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Highest yesterday 45, 24, 50. Lowest yesterday 25, 24, 12. Mean yesterday 32, 28, 28. Precipitation 0.00, 0.00, 0.00.

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature 42, Deficiency for the day 1, Total deficiency since March 1, 14.

Normal precipitation 0.00, Deficiency for the day 0.00, Total deficiency since March 1, 1.00.

Excess since March 1, 1.00, Excess since March 1, 1.00, Excess since March 1, 1.00.

Excess for the period 1914, 27.00, Excess for the period 1913, 1.00.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

EYES OF THE ARMY AT WORK—German observers taking note of the movement of the Russians from a tree near Grud.



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VILLA HAS BEGUN MATAMORAS SIEGE

United States Warns Both Sides to Be Careful of Lives of Americans.

FEARS SHELLS FALL OVER LINE

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 27.—The Villa siege of Matamoraz, the Mexican town opposite here, began about noon today. Cavalrymen opened a heavy rifle fire on the breastworks west of Matamoraz, near the Rio Grande.

Simultaneously the cavalry, totaling 5,500 men, began spreading to surround the city on the west and south. A Villa officer told the Associated Press correspondent that artillery is due to reach the firing line some time this evening.

Attacks from the west apparently would not endanger Brownsville, but an attack from the south, if the guns overshoot, would tend to rake street and sidewalk traffic here, as the streets lie in almost direct line of such fire.

Villa infantry and artillery, said to number 3,000 men, reported to be advancing to support the cavalry, are apparently still beyond a zone of fifty miles outside Matamoraz.

Owing to grave apprehension that shrapnel shells will fall in Brownsville in the battle expected at Matamoraz, opposite here, Colonel A. P. Hockmors, commanding the United States lower border cavalry patrol here, today sent word to both forces to avoid firing in any manner to endanger American lives and property.

Matamoraz, which is about a mile and a half from Brownsville, apparently was ready today for siege by the approaching army of General Villa, whose advance guard was within cannon shot of the city's outer defenses.

These defenses include a line of earth breastworks twelve to fifteen feet high, enclosing the city on the two sides, west and south, while the Rio Grande curves around the other two sides.

Villa's troops are approaching from the west, and apparently the heaviest attack is expected from that quarter. The reported disposition of the approaching Villa army was believed to indicate that serious fighting would not begin for a day or two.

Twice Begins to Move

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Movement of the steel crop from Yucatan on United States naval vessels has begun. Rear Admiral Caperton, commander of the cruiser squadron at Vera Cruz, notified the Navy department today that the co-liner Juniper sailed Thursday from Progreso for New Orleans with a steel cargo.

Rear Admiral Caperton's report said fighting continued between Carranza and Villa forces at Ebanzo, outside Tampico, and that some oil tanks in that vicinity had been damaged.

Western Railroads Say They Must Pay High Rate for Money

CHICAGO, March 27.—Efforts to show that the forty-one western railroads, in spite of their petitions for higher freight rates, had spent great sums for improvements in recent years, were made on behalf of the shippers in the Interstate Commerce hearing of the case today.

Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa railroad commission, referred to the testimony of S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western road. Mr. Felton had said his road had greatly improved its system, "just as they are all doing."

L. E. Wetting, statistician for all the roads, was cross-examined. "Do you agree with Mr. Felton that all the roads have gone through a period of reconstruction?" asked Mr. Thorne.

"Not to the extent that the roads have been reconstructed," replied the witness. "They have been required to bear heavy expenses for maintenance. They have had to pay high rates for money. But they have not spent vast sums for reconstruction."

"Isn't it true that industrialists have had to pay higher rates, too?" "Not so high as railroads."

"Has the Northwestern or the Burlington or the Milwaukee road paid higher rates than have industrialists?" Mr. Wetting replied that they had, but these roads had not had to pay as other roads. He said, last year the Northwestern and the Burlington had borrowed money at 4.4 per cent on gold bonds maturing in 1917, but some public-service corporations had gotten money cheaper.

As to the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Great Northern, the witness said, he had no figures.

Mr. Wetting testified that while such roads as the Burlington were able to borrow money at relatively low rates, the less prosperous roads, such as the Missouri Pacific, have to pay high rates, and the general average of all the roads showed that they paid much higher rates than industrialists.

Adjournment was taken at noon until Monday.

Navy Attaches Here Mourn Death of Old Pals on Submarine

Attaches of the local naval recruiting office are mourning four personal friends, dead, in the crew of the submarine F-4, sunk in Honolulu harbor. Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede, the commander, was a close friend of Lieutenant Tipton of the naval recruiting office here. They were in Annapolis Naval academy together.

Francis N. Herzog, electrician on the F-4, was a shipmate of Chief Yeoman High of the local recruiting station. They were together on the Chester.

DUTCH ANGRY OVER SINKING OF VESSELS

Destruction and Seizure of Ships by German Causes Great Indignation at The Hague.

RUMORED ULTIMATUM DENIED

THE HAGUE, March 27.—(Via London.)—Germany has informed the minister of the Netherlands at Berlin that the investigation into the seizure by German submarines of the Dutch steamer Zaanstrom and Batavier V has not yet been concluded. An explanation of these acts was asked for by the minister.

The vessels in question were seized while en route to England and taken into Zebrugge. The German government has sent a special official to that port to investigate and his report is awaited with much interest.

The minister has been charged also to secure from the German government an explanation of the sinking on March 23, off Beachy Head, of the Dutch steamer Medea, bound for London. The Medea was torpedoed by the German submarine U-28.

A Netherlands statesman very closely connected with the government and fully cognizant of the action, informed the Associated Press today there was no truth in current rumors of a Dutch ultimatum to Germany, but immediately after the report of the sinking of the Medea was received a telegraphic inquiry had been sent to Berlin.

What is described as the high-handed procedure of the German submarines has aroused indignation among all classes in Holland, but under the Declaration of London, it is admitted in semi-official circles, the German warships have a right to sink any vessel captured if the German naval command are considered that to convey them as prizes to the nearest port, in this instance Zebrugge, would place their own vessels in danger.

France and Great Britain, it is contended here, do not need to sink their prizes, as their ports are open.

Some observers here are of the opinion that Germany, in order to avoid further complications, may attribute the capture of the Batavier V and the Zaanstrom to the sinking of the Medea, to excess of zeal on the part of the commander of the U-28.

Three German Ships Laden with Iron Ore Are Sunk in Baltic

STOCKHOLM, March 27.—(Via London.)—The loss in the Baltic of three German steamers, the Bavaria, the Germania and the Konigsberg, all laden with iron ore, is announced today in the newspaper Social Democrat.

The Bavaria went down March 15 with its entire crew. The cause of its sinking is not known. The cause of destruction of the other vessels are not given.

WORK OF RAISING F-4 IS SUSPENDED AS CABLES TESTED

Great Depth of Water in Which the Submarine is Sunk Makes Job of Lifting Very Difficult One.

HOPE PRACTICALLY ABANDONED

Captain Duffy Believes There is a Bare Chance Still of the Crew Are Some Alive.

HOSPITAL STAFF READY TO ACT

HONOLULU, T. H., March 27.—The raising of the United States submarine F-4, lost in the deep water outside Honolulu harbor since early Thursday, has been held up temporarily while the cables attached to the submerged craft are tested.

An electrical buzzer device is being used to determine the efficiency of the fastenings on the submarine. It is planned to raise the F-4 nearer the surface, so that divers can be lowered to superintend the progress of the work.

The great depth of the water in which the submarine has been located makes the work of raising it extremely difficult. There is fear that the cables attached to the craft may slip. The work, however, is progressing slowly.

There is a report, not wholly confirmed, that a battery explosion aboard the F-4 on March 6 caused serious damage. Rear Admiral Charles B. T. Moore, commandant of the naval station, said the reported accident did not disable the F-4.

"I had heard something about a battery explosion aboard the F-4," he said, "but it was not serious. It was not considered of sufficient importance to be reported. The chances are that if it had been serious enough to disable the vessel, it would have killed some of the men."

"One man was burned slightly, so far as we know. It had no connection with the present accident."

The dredger, California, dispatched from Pearl Harbor naval station in response to a radiogram, reached the scene at midnight, but did not begin work immediately. The dredger will work with the Alert, another ship of the submarine flotilla. The pontoon system will probably be used to raise the F-4. Chains will be passed under the bow and stern of the submerged submarine, the dredger sunk into the water and the chains tightened. The water will then be pumped out of the dredger, causing it to rise higher in the water, thus providing lifting power to raise the submarine.

The army department hospital is in readiness to receive the men of the F-4 when the submarine is raised. Colonel Ebert has placed his hospital staff and equipment at the service of the navy. The weather is fine. The bright moonlight facilitated the work during the night.

Three Hundred Feet Deep. Rescue vessels dragging the ocean bed with grappling hooks chanced upon the stricken craft at a depth of 300 feet. Making fast to the F-4, the naval tug Navajo and the steamer Makaha began to tow their find—they were not certain that it was the submarine they had hooked toward shallow water.

For more than an hour the tug and the steamer struggled with their unwieldy burden. Soon afterwards it became apparent that it would be impossible to tow the submarine near enough to shore to bring it to the surface and a hurry call was sent to the naval station for a wrecking ship.

Hope Practically Abandoned. WASHINGTON, March 27.—Every hour that passes without favorable word from Honolulu lowers the hope that any of the men in the sunken submarine F-4 may be alive. While there is always the possibility of life naval authorities are agreed that it will be little short of miraculous if any of the F-4's crew should survive their fearful ordeal.

Secretary Daniels and his aides anxiously awaited some word from Rear Admiral Moore, the commander of the submarine flotilla upon which they might have hope, but as the day went on none came.

Frederick Gillman, gunner's mate, and Frank N. Herzog, electrician, whose names were included in the revised list of the crew of F-4, formerly listed in St. Louis, Mo., and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively, Mrs. Louise Herzog, mother of Herzog, lives in Salt Lake City.

Many Victims Have Identified Two as Holdup Suspects

The police believe they have in custody the men who have been doing a wholesale business during the last three weeks, holding up and robbing pedestrians who have happened out after night.

The hold-up suspects give their names as Claude Hosteter and Martin Beardon, residing at 206 North Twenty-second street. They were arrested in a saloon at Twelfth and Farman streets.

Since Hosteter and Martin were identified Friday afternoon, they have been identified by the following named parties, all of whom assert that they have been the victims of the two men:

ITALY READY TO ENTER CONFLICT

All Preparations Completed to Begin Hostilities on the Side of the Allies.

HINT SECOND TRIPLE ENTENTE

ROME, March 26.—Every measure possible has been taken by the Italian government preparatory to the beginning of hostilities by Italy on the side of the allies.

Close observers here of the Balkan situation profess to see indications of a gradual tendency on the part of the Bulgarian government to adopt a policy favorable to the allies. It is believed Bulgaria hopes to act jointly in that direction with Italy and Roumania.

Italy May Call Reservists Home. RIMINI, Italy, March 27.—The Italian consul, says the Times Buenos Ayres correspondent, called a meeting of the agents of the Italian steamship lines and warned the agents to be in readiness for the possible transportation of 65,000 Italian reservists.

"It is stated," the correspondent adds, "that one vessel already has left Buenos Ayres for Brazil to embark reservists."

Albanians Assault Durazzo. ROME (Via Paris), March 27.—Sixty thousand Albanian rebels are said to be engaged in the assault upon Durazzo, designed to force the retirement of Essad Pasha, the Turkish provisional president. The bombardment of the port continues and several persons are said to have been wounded. The residence of Essad Pasha has been badly damaged by shell fire.

Prince George Returns to Greece. RIMINI, Italy, March 27.—(Via Paris, March 27)—Prince George of Greece, before leaving here today for Athens, declared he was going home to support his brother, King Constantine in the stand he has taken regarding the attitude of Greece toward the war. Prince George said his country must conserve all its strength to command Balkan complications, retain the territory it has conquered and hold in check the ambition of other nations which would prevent the extension of Greek influence in territories which historically and racially belonged to it.

Turkey Promises to Give Missionaries Of U. S. Protection

NEW YORK, March 27.—The grand vizier of Turkey has issued instructions to his subordinates that all inhabitants of the sub-ridden section of Persia, including the thousands of Christians in the vicinity of Urumiah, must be protected, according to advice received from the State department today by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Reports from Urumiah made public yesterday announced that the large village of Gulpaashan had been destroyed, its men shot and sixty-five refugees from French and American missions hanged. A massacre impends, according to this message.

The communication from the State department was signed by Robert Lansing, counselor of the department, and was written under date of yesterday. "Mr. Lansing advises us," said George T. Scott, assistant of the board, "that Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, had communicated to the grand vizier the request of the State department for protection of Americans in the vicinity of Urumiah. The grand vizier's letter expresses the belief that the reports of outrages there were inaccurate and is said to have informed Mr. Morgenthau he would immediately instruct his subordinates to protect all inhabitants of the section including, of course, the Christians."

"Mr. Morgenthau's cablegram, the letter said, was dated March 24, but did not reach the State department until yesterday, March 25, having been delayed in transit for two days."

Mr. Scott added that the board was not so apprehensive at present as to the safety of American missionaries in the district as it had been before.

Four More Bodies Taken from Debris

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 27.—Four additional bodies were recovered yesterday from the debris of the landslide at Britannia mine. Here soundings were taken of the site of a mine employee and his 5-year-old child and two unidentified men. The woman's husband was buried in the landslide, but was dug out alive. Altogether thirty-four bodies have been recovered. Sluicing has been started in the hope of securing the remaining dead.

German Official Report

BERLIN, March 27.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The German general staff today gave out a report on the progress of the fighting, which was as follows: "In the Vosges the French occupied the top of Hartmann-Wellerkopf, on the edge of a height held by German troops. "French aviators yesterday threw bombs at Batsume and Strausburg without doing any military damage. In Batsume seven Frenchmen were killed and twenty-two severely wounded. "A French aviator was compelled to

RUSSIA AGAIN HOLDS GATES TO HUNGARY PLAINS

British Experts Expect Teutonic Allies to Make Supreme Effort to Prevent Invasion of the Dual Monarchy.

SOME DEPRESSION IN AUSTRIA

Vatican Denies Report Frances Joseph Has Asked It to Intervene for Separate Peace.

BALKAN STATES STILL ON FENCE

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ATHENS DISPATCHES say the Turkish forts at Dardanelles and Kaid Babu, on the Dardanelles, have been destroyed and that batteries which attacked mine sweepers have been silenced by two battleships of the allies.

SWISS NEWSPAPERS publish dispatches that the Russians have defeated the Austrians in several engagements along the front from Bukovina to western Galicia.

LONDON, March 27.—Russia today for the third time holds the gates to Hungary, and British observers are virtually united in the expectation that the Teutonic allies will make a supreme effort to prevent the forces of Emperor Nicholas from again pouring onto the Hungarian plains.

Meager reports from Vienna indicate that there is some depression in Austria on account of the fall of Prelmayr, but, on the other hand, the Papacy denies that this has resulted in overtures from Emperor Francis Joseph in an endeavor to obtain the intervention of the pope on behalf of a separate peace.

So far Italy and the Balkan states are still stubbornly sitting on the fence, which position they are liable to maintain, in the opinion of a notable section of the British press, until such time that the fighting in the Dardanelles has produced definite results.

The only advance of the allies along the western front consists of the capture by Belgian forces of a farm to the north of St. George.

In England the labor unrest has again manifested itself. In this connection the belief is growing that the government soon will take measures to restrict drinking.

In Holland there is a growing sense of injury over the unfortunate situation of Dutch shipping, which a leading Netherlands paper describes as suffering from "a competition of liberality in marine warfare."

Russia Gains More Advantages. GENEVA, March 27.—(Via Paris)—Dispatches received by Swiss newspapers continue to emphasize the success of the Russians in the battle which is still in progress in the Carpathians. The struggle in Ujok and Lufkow passes as March 23 is said to have been particularly desperate with heavy losses for the Austrians.

Nangary encounters also are reported on the banks of Biala (in a branch of the river Donajec and flowing in a northerly direction about midway between Przemysl and Tracow) where Austrian attacks are said to have been repulsed with losses placed at 8,000 killed, wounded and missing.

The Russians are credited with successes all along the line of the Pruth, in Galicia and Bukovina, where they dislodged the Austrians from their strongest positions.

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